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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 5 December 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

11 a.m.	3721st meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The question concerning Haiti

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti (S/1996/813 and Add.1*)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY
FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	1st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

FIFTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 4th meeting of the General Committee will take place on Friday, 6 December 1996, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (see p.4).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m.	73rd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Assistance in mine clearance: report of the Secretary-General (A/51/540) [34].

3 p.m.	74th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Assistance in mine clearance: report of the Secretary-General (A/51/540) [34].

2. Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions [21 (b)]:

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/303, A/51/356, A/51/560);

   (b) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.22, L.24/Rev.1, L.25/Rev.1, L.30 and L.32/Rev.1).

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (item 45)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution to be submitted under agenda item 45 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development)

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 (A/C.5/50/57 and Add.1, A/50/7/Add.16, A/51/7/Add.1, A/C.5/51/21 and A/51/7/Add.2))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (Human resources Management (A/C.5/49/63, A/C.5/49/64, A/C.5/50/64, A/C.5/51/1, A/C.5/51/3, A/C.5/51/6, A/C.5/51/7, A/51/304 and Corr.1, A/51/421 and Corr.1, A/C.5/49/13, A/C.5/49/60 and Add.1-2 and Add.2/Corr.1, A/C.5/50/2 and Add.1, A/50/7/Add.8, A/C.6/51/7 and A/51/656))

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme planning (A/51/6 (Perspective), A/51/6 (Note), A/51/6 (fascicle), A/51/6 (Prog.9)/Rev.1, A/51/6 (Prog.11)/Rev.1, A/51/16 (Parts I and II), A/C.5/51/10 and Add.1, A/C.5/51/19, A/C.5/51/26, A/C.5/51/27, A/C.5/51/31, A/C.5/51/28 and A/C.6/51/8 and Add.1-2))

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DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

OPEN-ENDED CONSULTATION GROUP

Informal consultations

3.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 5 December 1996

GROUP OF 77
(Fifth Committee matters: item 116)

9.15 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

GROUP OF 77 OF THE WHOLE
(draft resolution under agenda item 21 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations))

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(Fifth Committee matters: items 119 and 120)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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Briefing

The Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information, will discuss recent issues and trends in the disability field under the theme "Disability and Poverty" *today*, 5 December 1996, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Conference Room 2.

United Nations delegates, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media, as well as interested staff, are invited.

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Informal meeting

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM) will be held *today*, 5 December 1996, at 3.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 6 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by a number of countries (A/51/234 and Add.1) [8].

10 a.m. 75th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Advancement of women [103]: observance of the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery: plenary meeting devoted to the discussion of the problem of trafficking in human persons, especially women and children.

3 p.m. 76th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [41]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/512);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.20/Rev.1).

2. Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s [44]:

   (a) Report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly on the Mid-term Review of the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (A/51/48);

   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/228 and Add.1);

   (c) Draft resolution (A/51/L.31).

3. Proclamation of 7 December as International Civil Aviation Day : draft resolution (A/51/L.42) [162].

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 3
	Informal consultations	
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 21)

Delegations are reminded that informal consultations on the outstanding draft proposals under item 21 and all its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on Friday, 6 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/51/3 (Part II), Chapter V, Section F) (item 12)

Informal soundings on the question of the participation of non-governmental organizations in all areas of the work of the United Nations will be undertaken by H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan) on Monday, 9 December 1996, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Member States are also invited.

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The 1996 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will be held on Monday, 9 December 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All Member States are invited to attend.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

In commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Ina-lienable Rights of the Palestinian People presents a screening of a series of films until Thursday, 5 December 1996, in the Dag-Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, at 1 p.m. *today*, 5 December 1996, the following will be screened: "Palestine: Story of a Land" (Part II).

Note: Due to technical difficulties, the film "Aqabat Jaber: Peace with no return" was not presented on Monday, 2 December. The film will now be presented *today*, 5 December 1996, immediately following "Palestine: Story of a Land" (Part II).

Exhibition

A cultural exhibition entitled "Preserving the Legacy, A New Dawn of Hope" is presented by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations. The exhibition is on display in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until *today*, 5 December 1996.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Ad Hoc Informal Open-ended Support Group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons in 1999 will meet on Monday, 9 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Items on the agenda for the meeting include an introduction on general aspects of the Year, national efforts in preparation of the Year (delegates are invited to provide inputs) and preparations by non-governmental organizations for the Year. All delegations are invited to participate.

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The seventh meeting of the ad hoc open-ended working group on rules of procedure of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund will be held on Tuesday, 10 December 1996, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

The Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1997 on Tuesday, 17 December 1996, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The first regular session 1997 of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA will be held from 13 to 17 January 1997 in Conference Room 3. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1997/L.1. Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the Secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5776) as soon as possible, but no later than 2 January 1997.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Fifth Committee matters)* on Friday, 6 December 1996, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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United Nations Coordinator of International Cooperation on Chernobyl, Mr. Yasushi Akashi, Under Secretary General, will convene a meeting of the ministerial level Quadripartite Committee for Coordination on Chernobyl, expanded to include repre- sentatives of interested Member States and members of the United Nations Task Force for Chernobyl, on Friday, 6 December 1996 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors and all interested delegations on a draft resolution on Assistance in Mine Clearance under agenda item 34 on Friday, 6 December 1996 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Seminar

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations will hold an Open-ended Seminar on Promotion of South-South Cooperation, chaired by H.E. Mr. Owada, Permanent Representative of Japan, on 6 and 7 December 1996. The Seminar will be held on Friday, 6 December, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Rooms A and B, and on Saturday, 7 December, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Trygve Lie Rooms A and B, at the U.N. Plaza Hotel. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from 4 December 1996, and for the rest of the month, there will be an informal briefing at 3 p.m., in the Press Briefing Room S-226, by the Presidency of the Security Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on those days when consultations of the whole are scheduled in the morning.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 2 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 37th meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.30/Rev.2 and L.29

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.30 and drew the Committee's attention to draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.30/Rev.2.

The representative of Malaysia informed the Committee that Algeria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Cuba had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

At the request of the United States of America the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/51/L.30/Rev.2 was put to the vote.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Israel and Lebanon.

The draft resolution was then adopted by a recorded vote of 123 to 2 with 17 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Japan, Ireland (on behalf of the Euro- pean Union), the United States, Argentina, Australia, Canada and Iran (Islamic Republic of).

The representative of Eritrea informed the Committee that the machine had not registered his delegation's vote, which was in favour of the draft resolution.

Subsequently, the representative Colombia informed the Committee that had his delegation been present during the vote, it would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.29 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.37

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the text.

The representatives of Jordan, Bolivia and Ecuador informed the Committee that their delegations would have wished to join in sponsoring the draft resolution if it had not already been a text of the Economic and Social Council.

Following statements by the representatives of Australia and China the Committee adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Mexico, South Africa and Venezuela.

The Chairman then proposed a draft decision taking note of the relevant chapters of document A/51/3, Parts I-III, as well as documents A/51/379 and A/51/534, which was adopted by the Committee.

A statement was made by the representative of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Macroeconomic policy questions [94]

(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.26 and L.53

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.53 submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.26.

Following a statement by the representative of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Committee adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.26 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.28 and L.50

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.50.

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.50 as orally revised.

A statement was made by the representative of Brazil.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.28 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 94 (b).

(c) Trade and development

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.16/Rev.1

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.16 and drew the Committee's attention to draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.16/Rev.1.

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement of programme budget implications relating to the revised draft resolution.

Belarus subsequently joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil and South Africa.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 94 (c).

(d) Commodities

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.14 and L.49

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul, introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.49.

The representative of Côte d'Ivoire made a statement in which he amended the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally revised and amended.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.14 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 94 (d).

The Chairman then proposed a draft decision taking note of documents A/51/388, A/51/331, A/51/255, and A/51/152 and Add.1, which was adopted by the Committee.

Sectoral policy questions [95]

(a) Industrial development cooperation

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.12 and L.46

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.46.

Following a statement by the representative of the United States, the Committee adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.12 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 95 (a).

(b) Food and sustainable agricultural development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.38 and L.47

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.47.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.38 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 95 (b).

The Chairman then proposed a draft decision taking note of document A/51/431, which was adopted by the Committee.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 95 as a whole.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [96]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.23 and L.45

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Mohammad Djabbary (Iran, Islamic Republic of) introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.45.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51.L.23 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

(b) Agenda for development

(ii) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.21 and L.52

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.52.

The representative of Indonesia corrected the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.21 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 96 (b).

(c) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.17

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Mohammad Djabbary (Iran, Islamic Republic of), introduced and orally revised the text.

The representative of the Russian Federation informed the Committee that Argentina and Israel had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil and the Russian Federation.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 96 (c).

(d) Population and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.19 and L.43

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Mohammad Djabbary (Iran, Islamic Republic of), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.43.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.19 was consequently withdrawn.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 96 (d).

(e) Human settlements

*Action of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.15/Rev.1**

The Committee resumed consideration of sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Mohammad Djabbary (Iran, Islamic Republic of), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.15, drew the Committee's attention to draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.15/Rev.1*, and corrected the title.

The representative of Turkey informed the Committee that his delegation had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The representative of the United States suggested a further amendment to the text, which was accepted by the Committee.

The representative of South Africa made a statement.

The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution, as orally corrected and amended.

After the adoption of the revised draft resolution, the representative of Norway made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 96 (e).

(f) Eradication of poverty

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.18 and L.51

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.51.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.18 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 96 (f).

Environment and sustainable development [97]

(a) Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.10 and L.39 (programme budget implications: A/C.2/51/L.48)

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Mohammad Djabbary (Iran, Islamic Republic of), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.39.

The Chairman informed the Committee that a statement of programme budget implications on the draft resolution was contained in document A/C.2/51/L.48.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Canada, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union) and Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.10 was consequently withdrawn.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 97 (a).

(b) Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.9 and L.41, and L.11

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Mohammad Djabbary (Iran, Islamic Republic of), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.41.

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement of programme budget implications of the draft resolution.

Following a statement by the representative of Papua New Guinea, the Committee adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.9 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors, as was the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/51/L.11.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 97 (b).

(c) Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.5 and L.31

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Mohammad Djabbary introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.31.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the Marshall Islands made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.5 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 97 (c).

(f) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.4 and L.42 (programme budget implications: document A/C.2/51/L.36)

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Mohammad Djabbary (Iran, Islamic Republic of), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.42.

The Chairman informed the Committee that a statement of programme budget implications issued in document A/C.2/51/L.36 did not apply to draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.42.

The representative of Jamaica corrected the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.4 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 97 (f).

Operational activities for development [98]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.8 and L.44

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.44.

The representative of the Philippines corrected the text.

Statements were made by the representatives of Turkey and Mexico.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.8 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Chairman then proposed a draft decision taking note of document A/51/391, which was adopted by the Committee.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of item 98.

38th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [96]

(g) Cultural development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.22 and L.34

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Mohammad Djabbary (Iran, Islamic Republic of), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.34.

The representative of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union) raised a question to which the Secretary of the Committee responded.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

The representative of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77) made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.22 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 96 (g) and of agenda item 96 as a whole.

Environment and sustainable development [97]

(d) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.7 and L.35

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Mohammad Djabbary (Iran, Islamic Republic of), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.35.

The representative of Canada made a statement.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Papua New Guinea made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.7 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 97 (d).

(e) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.6 and L.33

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Mohammad Djabbary (Iran, Islamic Republic of), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.33.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the Marshall Islands made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.6 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 97 (e) and of agenda item 97 as a whole.

Training and research [99]

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.27/Rev.1

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), informed the Committee of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.27 and drew the attention of the Committee to document A/C.2/51/L.27/Rev.1.

The representative of Poland proposed an amendment to the text contained in document A/C.2/51/L.27/Rev.1.

The representatives of Senegal, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Chile, Algeria, Burundi and Argentina took the floor to inform the Committee that their delegations had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution. Japan and Nigeria subsequently joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of Cuba.

The Secretary of the Committee responded to questions raised.

After statements by the representatives of the Pakistan, United States and Cameroon, the Committee adopted the draft resolution as orally amended.

A representative of the Joint Inspection Unit made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 99 (a).

(b) United Nations University

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.3 and L.20

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.20.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.3 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 99 (b) and of agenda item 99 as a whole.

Macroeconomic policy questions [94]

(a) External debt crisis and development

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.24/Rev.1

The Committee resumed consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria), informed the Committee of the informal consultations

held on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.24 and drew the Committee's attention to draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.24/Rev.1.

The representative of the Philippines read out corrections to the text of document A/C.2/51/L.24/Rev.1.

The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution, as orally amended.

After the adoption of the revised draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ireland (on behalf of the European Union, the United States, Cameroon and Andorra.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of sub-item 94 (a) and agenda item 94 as a whole.

Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee [12]

Action on document A/C.2/51/L.40

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 12.

The Chief of the Programme and Documentation Planning Section of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development introduced the draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1997-1998 and orally revised the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1997-1998 (A/C.2/ 51/L.40), as orally revised.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 12.

Closure of the work of the Second Committee

The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Arjan Hamburger (Netherlands), made a closing statement.

The representative of Costa Rica made a statement on behalf of all the members of the Second Committee.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

A statement was made by the representative of Poland (on behalf of the Eastern European Group of States).

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

The Chairman declared the work of the Second Committee concluded.

Wednesday, 4 December 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

3720th meeting

The situation in Sierra Leone

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Sierra Leone, at his request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and Rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1996/46).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

72nd plenary meeting

Question of Palestine [35]

(a) *Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian people (A/51/35)*

(b) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/678-S/1996/953)*

(c) *Draft resolutions (A/51/L.33, L.34, L.35, L.36)*

The Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/51/L.33, A/51/L.34, A/51/L.35, A/51/L.36.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Turkey, Ecuador and Israel.

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/51/L.33 (recorded vote) (resolution 51/23)	104	2	46
Draft resolution A/51/L.34 (recorded vote) (resolution 51/24)	107	2	46
Draft resolution A/51/L.35 (recorded vote) (resolution 51/25)	157	2	3

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/51/L.36 (recorded vote) (resolution 51/26)	152	2	4

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 35.

The situation in the Middle East [33]

(a) *Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/543, A/51/678-S/1996/953)*

(b) *Draft resolutions (A/51/L.38, L.39, L.40)*

The representative of Egypt made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/51/L.38 and A/51/ L.39.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Lebanon, Ecuador and Turkey.

Statements on points of order were made by the representatives of Swaziland, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Russian Federation. In the course of his statement, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic orally revised draft resolution A/51/L.39.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and the Russian Federation.

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/51/L.38 (recorded vote) (resolution 51/27)	148	1	13
Draft resolution A/51/L.39 (recorded vote) (resolution 51/28)	84	2	71
Draft resolution A/51/L.40 (recorded vote) (resolution 51/29)	159	3	2

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the United States, Israel, France, the Sudan, Egypt, Swaziland, Venezuela and Argentina.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 43/177 of 15 December 1988, the observer of Palestine made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 33.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 36th meeting

United Nations Common System [121]

United Nations Pension System [122]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Japan and Ukraine.

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [115]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Poland, Qatar, Mexico, Latvia and Canada.

The Secretary of the Committee responded to a question posed.

Report of the Economic and Social Council (Chapters I, V (sections E and G) and VII) [12]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without objection, to recommend that the General Assembly take note of the chapters of the report of ECOSOC which had been allocated to the Fifth Committee.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Other matters

The Vice-Chairmen of the Committee, Rapporteur of the Committee, and the representatives of Latvia and the Philippines as well as the Chairman made statements and informed the Committee of the results of informal consultations.

Statements were made by the representatives Mexico, Zambia, Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ukraine and Cuba.

The Secretary of the Committee responded to a question posed.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

OMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
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Fifteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 4 DECEMBER 1996

51st and 52nd (closed) meetings

onsideration of reports submitted by States parties in accordce with article 16 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the third eriodic report of Finland (E/1994/104/Add.7) and continued its nsideration of the second periodic report of Portugal in respect Macau (E/1990/6/Add.8) in closed meeting.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

mendments to articles 17 (7) and 18 (5) of the Convention gainst Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading reatment or Punishment, adopted by the Conference of the tates Parties on 8 September 1992

Acceptance: Philippines (27 November 1996)*

greement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the nited Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 ecember 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management f Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, dopted on 4 August 1995 by the United Nations Conference on traddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Signature: France, Seychelles (4 December 1996)

ienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer, oncluded at Vienna on 22 March 1985

Accession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2 December 1996)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, concluded at Montreal on 16 September 1987

Accession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2 December 1996)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, adopted at the Second Meeting of the Parties at London on 29 June 1990

Accession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2 December 1996)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, adopted at the Fourth Meeting of the Parties at Copenhagen on 25 November 1992

Accession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2 December 1996)*

Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, concluded at Basel on 22 March 1989

Accession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2 December 1996)*

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, concluded at New York on 9 May 1992

Accession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2 December 1996)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exhibition

The Department for Public Information, in collaboration with the American Foundation for the Blind, has organized an exhibition entitled "Inspiration and Innovation: Helen Keller and the American Foundation for the Blind", to run from 3 to 31 December in the Public Lobby.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 6 December 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Briefing by Ambassador Rolf Ekeus, Executive Chairman of the Special Commission established by the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 9 (b) (i) of Security Council resolution 687 (1991)

Angola (S/1996/1000)

Other matters

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Recommendation for the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	1341st meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m. 75th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [41]*:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/512);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.20/Rev.1).

2. Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s [44]*:

   (a) Report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly on the Mid-term Review of the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (A/51/48);

   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/228 and Add.1);

   (c) Draft resolution (A/51/L.31).

3. Proclamation of 7 December as International Civil Aviation Day: draft resolution (A/51/L.42) [162]*.

4. Advancement of women [103]: observance of the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery: discussion of the problem of trafficking in human persons, especially women and children.

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* Originally scheduled for 3 p.m. today.

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 8

Informal consultations conducted by H. E. Dr. Ernest Sucharipa (Austria) on draft proposals submitted under item 21:

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the Untied Nations, including special economic assistance:

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions (A/51/L.26, L.27, L.37, L.43)

(d) Assistance to the Palestinian people (A/51/L.41)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (item 45):

Informal consultations on the draft resolution to be submitted under agenda item 45 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development)

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. United Nations common system [121] (E/1993/119 and Add.1, A/50/30 and Add.1, A/C.5/50/23, A/51/30, A/C.5/51/24 and A/C.5/51/25 and Corr.1)

   Continuation of general discussion

2. United Nations pension system [122] (A/51/9 and Corr.1, A/51/644 and A/C.5/51/4)

   Continuation of general discussion

3. Human resources management [120]:

   Report of the Secretary-General on the ratio between career and fixed-term appointments (A/C.5/51/34)

   Introduction and general discussion

4. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina [153]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.12

5. Financing of the United Nations Transition Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium [154]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.11

6. Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force [155]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.13

Informal consultations

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 123 (a) and (b), 125 and 114 (Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East: (a) United Nations Disengagement Force; and (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (A/51/405, A/51/535 and A/51/684); Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) (A/51/658 and A/51/683); and Programme planning (A/51/6 (Perspective), A/51/6 (Note), A/51/6 (fascicle), A/51/6 (Prog.9)/Rev.1, A/51/6 (Prog.11)/Rev.1, A/51/16 (Parts I and II), A/C.5/51/10 and Add.1, A/C.5/51/19, A/C.5/51/26, A/C.5/51/27, A/C.5/51/31, A/C.5/51/28 and A/C.6/51/8 and Add.1 and 2))

6.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Pattern of conferences (A/51/32 and Add.1, A/51/125, A/51/253, A/51/268 and Corr.1, A/51/337 and A/C.5/51/22 and Add.1))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997: first performance report

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 6 December 1996

GROUP OF 77
(Periodicity of items and modalities of work of the Second Committee)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77
(Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (item 21 (a))

12 noon-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77
(Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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The United Nations Coordinator of International Cooperation on Chernobyl, Mr. Yasushi Akashi, Under Secretary General, will convene a meeting of the ministerial level Quadripartite Committee for Coordination on Chernobyl, expanded to include representatives of interested Member States and members of the United Nations Task Force for Chernobyl, *today*, 6 December 1996 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors and all interested delegations on a draft resolution on Assistance in Mine Clearance under agenda item 34 *today*, 6 December 1996 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Seminar

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations will hold an Open-ended Seminar on Promotion of South-South Cooperation, chaired by H.E. Mr. Owada, Permanent Representative of Japan, *today*, 6 December 1996 from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Rooms A and B, and *tomorrow*, 7 December, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Trygve Lie Rooms A and B, at the U.N. Plaza Hotel. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 9 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 2

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]:

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by a number of countries (A/51/234 and Add.1 and Add.2);

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by Italy (A/51/235).

10 a.m. 76th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Law of the sea [24]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/383, A/51/404 and A/51/645);

(b) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.21, A/51/L.28 and A/51/L.29).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/51/3 (Part II), Chapter V, Section F) (item 12)

Informal soundings with non-governmental organizations on the question of the participation of non-governmental organizations in all areas of the work of the United Nations will be undertaken by H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan) on Monday, 9 December 1996, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Member States are also invited.

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The Open-ended Consultation Group of the Disarmament Commission will hold informal consultations on the question of substantive agenda items for the Commission's 1997 substantive session. The meeting will take place on Monday, 9 December 1996, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All Member States are invited to attend.

The 1996 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will be held on Monday, 9 December 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All Member States are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Ad Hoc Informal Open-ended Support Group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons in 1999 will meet on Monday, 9 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Items on the agenda for the meeting include an introduction on general aspects of the Year, national efforts in preparation of the Year (delegates are invited to provide inputs) and preparations by non-governmental organizations for the Year. All delegations are invited to participate.

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There will be a meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics of the Economic and Social Council, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmed Kamal, Permanent Representative of Pakistan, on Tuesday, 10 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room S-2127A.

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The seventh meeting of the ad hoc open-ended working group on rules of procedure of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund will be held on Tuesday, 10 December 1996, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

The Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1997 on Tuesday, 17 December 1996, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The first regular session 1997 of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA will be held from 13 to 17 January 1997 in Conference Room 3. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1997/L.1. Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the Secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5776) as soon as possible, but no later than 2 January 1997.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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The Group of 77 of the Whole will hold meetings *(at the ambassadorial level)* on the preparation of the South-South Conference on Finance, Trade and Investment on 10, 11, 12 and 13 December 1996 in the morning and in the afternoon in Conference Room 1.

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Presentation

The Society for International Development and the Office of Development Studies of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have organized a presentation where H.E. Ambassador Dr. Ernst Sucharipa, Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations, will speak on the topic of "An Integrated Follow-Up to United Nations Conferences: A Human Rights Perspective." The lecture will take place on Thursday, 12 December 1996, at 5.30 p.m. in the Hank Shannon Conference Room (DC1 21st floor). All members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat Staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from 4 December 1996, and for the rest of the month, there will be an informal briefing at 3 p.m., in the Press Briefing Room S-226, by the Presidency of the Security Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on those days when consultations of the whole are scheduled in the morning.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 5 December 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

3721st meeting

The question concerning Haiti

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti (S/1996/813 and Add.1)*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Argentina, Canada, Haiti and Venezuela, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution, contained in document S/1996/1002, which had been submitted by Argentina, Canada, Chile, France, the United States of America and Venezuela.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Haiti, Canada, Argentina and Venezuela.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1996/1002).

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of France, the Russian Federation, Indonesia, China, Honduras, Germany, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom, Botswana, Poland, Guinea-Bissau, Chile, Egypt and the United States, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Italy.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1996/1002) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1086 (1996).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

73rd plenary meeting

Assistance in mine clearance: report of the Secretary-General (A/51/540) [34]

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Lithuania, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia), Ukraine, Colombia, Norway, Indonesia, Mozambique, New Zealand, Canada, Japan, the United States, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Russian Federation, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liechtenstein, Guatemala, Afghanistan, Argentina, Jamaica and Uruguay.

74th plenary meeting

Assistance in mine clearance: report of the Secretary-General (A/51/540) [34]

Statements were made by the representatives of Nicaragua, Pakistan, Angola, the Republic of Korea, Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Peru.

The General Assembly was informed that it would consider the draft resolution to be submitted under agenda item 34 at a later date to be announced.

Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions [21 (b)]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/303, A/51/356, A/51/560)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.22, L.24/Rev.1, L.25/Rev.1, L.30 and L.32/Rev.1)

The representative of Lebanon made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/51/L.25/Rev.1.

The representative of the Congo made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/51/L.30.

The representative of Djibouti made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/51/L.32/Rev.1.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/51/L.22, L.24/Rev.1, L.25/Rev.1, L.30 and L.32/Rev.1 (resolutions 51/30 A, B, C, D and E).

The Assembly was informed that it would consider other draft resolutions submitted or to be submitted under agenda item 21 at a later date to be announced.

Programme of work

The President made a statement on the status of work of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 72nd plenary meeting (see *Journal* No. 1996/236, p. 14): the text concerning the vote on draft resolution A/51/L.39 should read as follows:

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/51/L.39 (as orally revised) (recorded vote) (resolution 51/28)	84	2	71

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AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST — 1st meeting

The President of the General Assembly opened the meeting and made a statement.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA made an opening statement.

Statements and announcements regarding pledges were made by the following representatives or observers: Denmark, United States, Monaco, Lebanon, United Arab Emirates, Netherlands, Germany, Holy See, Japan, Thailand, Sweden, Switzerland, Austria, Turkey, Canada, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, United Kingdom, China, Bahrain, Indonesia, Tunisia, Ireland, Greece, Belgium, France, Argentina, Saudi Arabia, Norway, Kuwait, Egypt, European Community, India and Palestine.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA made a closing statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
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53rd and 54th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties in accordance with article 16 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee concluded, in closed session, its consideration of the report of Portugal in respect to Macau (E/1990/6/Add.8) and the third periodic report of Belarus (E/1994/104/Add.6).

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item by adopting its report on the draft Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, to be submitted to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-third session.

Organization of work [2]

The Committee discussed various issues relating to its organization of work.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the Conference of the States Parties on 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Netherlands (4 December 1996)*

International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995, concluded at Geneva on 17 February 1995

Acceptance: Netherlands (4 December 1996)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Human Rights Day Observance

In observance of Human Rights Day, two panel discussions will take place on Thursday, 12 December 1996 in Conference Room 4. Ms. Charlayne Hunter-Gault, National Correspondent for "News Hour with Jim Lehrer" (PBS), will moderate. The programme, organized by the Department of Public Information in cooperation with the Centre for Human Rights, will begin at 10 a.m. with the first panel on "Accounta-bility and Impunity in Civil Strife". The second panel on "The Right to Development: Is Poverty An Abuse of Human Rights?" will start at 3 p.m. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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International Day of Disabled Persons

Exhibition

The Department for Public Information, in collaboration with the American Foundation for the Blind, has organized an exhibition entitled "Inspiration and Innovation: Helen Keller and the American Foundation for the Blind", to run until 31 December in the Public Lobby.

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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Saturday, 7 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 1998-1999

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Seminar

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations will hold an Open-ended Seminar on Promotion of South-South Coopera-tion, chaired by H.E. Mr. Owada, Permanent Representative of Japan, *today*, 7 December, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Trygve Lie Rooms A and B, at the U.N. Plaza Hotel. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Monday, 9 December 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Recommendation for the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 2

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]:

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by a number of countries (A/51/234 and Add.1, 2, 3);

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by Italy (A/51/235).

10 a.m. 76th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Law of the sea [24]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/383, A/51/404 and A/51/645);

(b) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.21, A/51/L.28 and A/51/L.29).

10 a.m. informal soundings (closed) Economic and Social Council Chamber

Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/51/3 (Part II), Chapter V, Section F) (item 12)

Informal soundings *with non-governmental organizations on the question* of the participation of non-governmental organizations in all areas of the work of the United Nations will be undertaken by H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan)

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.-1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/50/11/Add.2 and Corr.1))

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6.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 (A/C.5/50/57 and Add.1, A/50/7/Add.16, A/51/7/Add.1, A/C.5/51/21 and A/51/7/Add.2))

9.30 p.m.-12.30 a.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Pattern of Conferences (A/51/32 and Add.1, A/51/125, A/51/253, A/51/268 and Corr.1, A/51/337 and A/C.5/51/22 and Add.1))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

OPEN-ENDED CONSULTATION GROUP

Informal consultations

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the question of substantive agenda items for the Commission's 1997 substantive session

DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

Organizational session

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	207th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	208th meeting	Conference Room 4

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Ad Hoc Informal Open-ended Support Group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons in 1999 will meet on Monday, 9 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Items on the agenda for the meeting include an introduction on general aspects of the Year, national efforts in preparation of the Year (delegates are invited to provide inputs) and preparations by non-governmental organizations for the Year. All delegations are invited to participate.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 9 December 1996

	GROUP OF 77 *(Fifth Committee matters: item 119)*		
9.15 a.m.- 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8	

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal (closed) meeting on agenda item 56 (The situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina) on Monday, 12 December 1996, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room D.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 10 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m. 77th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the first annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/51/399-S/1996/778) [59].

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14. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.14) [74].

15. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May be Deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.15) [75].

16. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.16) [76].

17. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace: report of the First Committee (A/51/566 and Add.17 and Corr.1*) [77].

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Committees

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 3
	Informal consultations	
10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
Afternoon*	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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* Following the adjournment of the 38th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (item 45)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution to be submitted under agenda item 45 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development) will be held on Tuesday, 10 December 1996, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 21)

Delegations are reminded that informal consultations on the outstanding draft proposals under item 21 and all its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on Tuesday, 10 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/51/3 (Part II), Chapter V, Section F) (item 12)

Informal soundings on the question of the participation of non-governmental organizations in all areas of the work of the United Nations will be undertaken by H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan) on Wednesday, 11 December 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting will be closed.

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The tenth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will be held in New York from 6 to 17 January 1997. The provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in document A/CONF.241/62.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be a meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics of the Economic and Social Council, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmed Kamal, Permanent Representative of Pakistan, on Tuesday, 10 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room S-2127A.

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The seventh meeting of the ad hoc open-ended working group on rules of procedure of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund will be held on Tuesday, 10 December 1996, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

The Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1997 on Tuesday, 17 December 1996, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The first regular session 1997 of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA will be held from 13 to 17 January 1997 in Conference Room 3. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1997/L.1. Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the Secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5776) as soon as possible, but no later than 2 January 1997.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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The Group of 77 will hold a meeting *(Fifth Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 10 December 1996, at 9.15 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

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The Group of 77 of the Whole will hold meetings *(at the ambassadorial level)* on the preparation of the South-South Conference on Finance, Trade and Investment on 10, 11, 12 and 13 December 1996 in the morning and in the afternoon in Conference Room 1.

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Presentation

The Society for International Development and the Office of Development Studies of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have organized a presentation where H.E. Ambassador Dr. Ernst Sucharipa, Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations, will speak on the topic of "An Integrated Follow-Up to United Nations Conferences: A Human Rights Perspective." The lecture will take place on Thursday, 12 December 1996, at 5.30 p.m. in the Hank Shannon Conference Room (DC1 21st floor). All members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat Staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from 4 December 1996, and for the rest of the month, there will be an informal briefing at 3 p.m., in the Press Briefing Room S-226, by the Presidency of the Security Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on those days when consultations of the whole are scheduled in the morning.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 6 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

75th plenary meeting

Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [41]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/512)

(b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.20/Rev.1)

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/51/L.20/Rev.1 (resolution 51/31).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 41.

Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s [44]

(a) Report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly for the Mid-term Review of the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (A/51/48)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/228 and Add.1)

(c) Draft resolution (A/51/L.31)

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/51/L.31 (resolution 51/32).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 44.

Proclamation of 7 December as International Civil Aviation Day: draft resolution (A/51/L.42) [162]

The representative of Canada made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/51/L.42.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/51/L.42 (resolution 51/33).

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 162.

Advancement of women [103]: *observance of the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery: discussion of the problem of trafficking in human persons, especially women and children.*

The President made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Congo (on behalf of the African States), Mexico (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), the United States, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia), the Philippines, Mongolia (on behalf of the Asian States), Her Excellency Mrs. Carme Sala Sansa, Minister of Education, Youth and Sports of Andorra, by the representatives of Belgium, Canada, Norway and Jamaica.

Programme of work

The General Assembly will consider the reports of the Main Committees as follows:

First Committee: Tuesday, 10 December, in the afternoon.

Third Committee: Thursday, 12 December, in the afternoon.

Fourth Committee: Friday, 13 December, in the morning.

Sixth Committee: Monday, 16 December, in the morning.

Second Committee: Monday, 16 December, in the afternoon.

On Friday, 13 December, in the morning, the Assembly will also consider agenda item 19 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 37th meeting

United Nations Common System [121]

United Nations Pension System [122]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Sierra Leone, the United States, the Russian Federation, Australia, Guyana, Ukraine, the Bahamas, Colombia and Latvia.

Human Resources Management [120]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General.

Statements were made by the representatives the Russian Federation, Germany, the United States, Japan, New Zealand and Egypt.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management responded to questions posed.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina [153]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

The representative of Armenia introduced draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.12.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

A statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of Germany.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Transition Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium [154]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

The representative of Armenia introduced draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.11.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

A statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of Germany.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force [155]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

The representative of Armenia introduced draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.13.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

A statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of Germany.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of France, Egypt, Algeria, Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Zimbabwe, Cuba, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union) and mexico as well as by the Chairman.

The Chairman as well as the Secretary of the Committee made statements.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Fifteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 6 DECEMBER 1996

55th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties in accordance with article 16 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee concluded, in closed session, its consideration of the report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in respect to Hong Kong (E/1994/104/Add.10).

Organzation of work [2]

The Committee discussed various issues relating to its organization of work.

Adoption of the report [9]

The Committee adopted its annual report to the Economic and Social Council.

Closure of the session

The Chairman declared closed the fiftteenth session of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 December 1984

Accession: Honduras (5 December 1996)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Human Rights Day Observance

In observance of Human Rights Day, two panel discussions will take place on Thursday, 12 December 1996 in Conference Room 4. Ms. Charlayne Hunter-Gault, National Correspondent for "News Hour with Jim Lehrer" (PBS), will moderate.

The Secretary-General, Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, will deliver opening remarks at 10 a.m., followed by a panel on "Accountability and Impunity in Civil Strife". The second panel on "The Right to Development: Is Poverty An Abuse of Human Rights?" will start at 3 p.m.

Members of delegations, Secretariat staff, non-governemental organizations and the media are invited to attend.The programme is organized by the Department of Public Information in cooperation with the Centre for Human Rights.

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International Day of Disabled Persons

Exhibition

The Department for Public Information, in collaboration with the American Foundation for the Blind, has organized an exhibition entitled "Inspiration and Innovation: Helen Keller and the American Foundation for the Blind", to run until 31 December in the Public Lobby.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Congo
H.E. Mr. Daniel Abibi

Asian States:
Mongolia
H.E. Mr. Jargalsaikhany Enkhsaikhan

Eastern European States:
Poland
H.E. Mr. Zbigniew Wlosowicz

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Mexico
H.E. Mr. Manuel Tello

Western European and Other States:
Canada
H.E. Mr. Robert R. Fowler

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 10 December 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Angola (S/1996/1000)

Afghanistan (S/1996/988 and S/1996/966)

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

3 p.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Recommendation for the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m. 78th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: fourth report of the General Committee (A/51/250/Add.3) [8].

2. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the first annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/51/399-S/1996/778) [59].

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22. Question of Antarctica: report of the First Committee (A/51/567) [62].

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (item 45):

Informal consultations on the draft resolution to be submitted under agenda item 45 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 8

Informal consultations conducted by H. E. Dr. Ernest Sucharipa (Austria) on draft proposals submitted under item 21:

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the Untied Nations, including special economic assistance:

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (A/51/L.45);

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions (A/51/L.26, L.27, L.37, L.43);

(c) Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of stricken Afghanistan (A/51/L.49).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 3

Organization of work

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme planning (A/51/6 (Perspective), A/51/6 (Note), A/51/6 (fascicle), A/51/6 (Prog.9)/Rev.1, A/51/6 (Prog.11)/Rev.1, A/51/16 (Parts I and II), A/C.5/51/10 and Add.1, A/C.5/51/19, A/C.5/51/26, A/C.5/51/27, A/C.5/51/31, A/C.5/51/28 and A/C.6/51/8 and Add.1 and 2))

6.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/50/11/Add.2 and Corr.1))

9.30 p.m.-12.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 141 (Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/50/945, A/50/1004, A/50/1005, A/51/302, A/51/305, A/51/432, A/51/467, A/51/486, A/51/530 and Corr.1))

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* Following the adjournment of the 38th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Draft statement

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

AD HOC OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	7th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 8

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There will be a meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics of the Economic and Social Council, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmed Kamal, Permanent Representative of Pakistan, *today*, 10 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room S-2127A.

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Tuesday, 10 December 1996

GROUP OF 77
(Fifth Committee matters: items 119 and 114)

9.15 a.m.-10 a.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77
(agenda item 21 (a) (Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations))

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)
(on the preparation of the South-South Conference on Finance, Trade and Investment)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 1

3 p.m.-6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 1

GROUP OF 77
(Fourth Committee matters: questions relating to information (A/51/21, Part B, para.29))

3 p.m.-6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room D

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
(on the draft resolution on the report of the Security Council)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 7

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room A

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP

10 a.m.-1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 2

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ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE: CONTACT GROUP ON BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

11 a.m.-1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room D

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal (closed) meeting on agenda item 56 (The situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina) *today*, 10 December 1996, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room E.

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Informal meeting

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT) will be held *today*, 10 December 1996, at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 11 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

3 p.m.	80th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Operational activities for development [98]: commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Children's Fund.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/51/3 (Part II), Chapter V, Section F) (item 12)

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal open-ended consultations by the Chairman of the Second Committee

The Chairman of the Second Committee will convene informal open-ended consultations on Wednesday, 11 December 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss the work of the Second Committee during its fifty-first session with a view to suggesting possible future modalities of work of the Committee.

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The 1996 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will be resumed on Wednesday, 11 December 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All Member States are invited to attend.

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The thirty-first session of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of Internationa Law will be held on Wednesday, 11 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The Group of 77 of the Whole will hold meetings *(at the ambassadorial level)* on the preparation of the South-South Conference on Finance, Trade and Investment on 11, 12 and 13 December 1996 in the morning and in the afternoon in Conference Room 1.

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Informal briefing

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Presentation

The Society for International Development and the Office of Development Studies of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have organized a presentation where H.E. Ambassador Dr. Ernst Sucharipa, Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations, will speak on the topic of "An Integrated Follow-Up to United Nations Conferences: A Human Rights Perspective." The lecture will take place on Thursday, 12 December 1996, at 5.30 p.m. in the Hank Shannon Conference Room (DC1 21st floor). All members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat Staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and media are invited to attend.

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Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Children's Fund

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Members of delegations, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organization and the media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from 4 December 1996, and for the rest of the month, there will be an informal briefing at 3 p.m., in the Press Briefing Room S-226, by the Presidency of the Security Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on those days when consultations of the whole are scheduled in the morning.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 9 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

GENERAL COMMITTEE 4th meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of item [8]

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional sub-item submitted by a number of countries (A/51/234 and Add.1 to 3)

The representative of Germany, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning his request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Observer status for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea" (A/51/234 and Add.1 to 3). In the course of his statement, the representative of Germany orally revised the title of the additional item to read "Observer status for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in the General Assembly".

The representative of Burundi made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the additional item as orally revised should be included in the agenda of the current session and that it should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional sub-item submitted by Italy (A/51/235)

The representative of Italy, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning his request for the in-clusion of an additional item entitled "Proclamation of 21 November as World Television Day" (A/51/235).

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Burundi, the United States, the Netherlands, France, the Philippines, Andorra, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Honduras and the Niger.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the additional item should be included in the agenda of the current session and that it should be considered directly in plenary, on the understanding that the General Assembly would determine when the item would be considered during the fifty-first session.

76th plenary meeting

Law of the sea [24]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/383, A/51/404 and A/51/645)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.21, A/51/L.28 and A/51/L.29).

The representative of New Zealand made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolutions A/51/L.21, L.28 and L.29.

Statements were made by the representatives of Sri Lanka, the Marshall Islands, Ghana, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Romania and Slovakia), Mexico, H.E. Senator Clairborne Pell of the United States, H.E. The Honourable Dr. Abraham Iyambo, Member of the Parliament of Namibia, by the representatives of Cameroon, China, Indonesia, Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) and the Republic of Korea.

77th plenary meeting

Law of the sea [24]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/383, A/51/404 and A/51/645)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.21, A/51/L.28 and A/51/L.29)

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, Argentina, Malaysia, Paraguay, Viet Nam, Malta, Tunisia, Guatemala, Uruguay, the United Republic of Tanzania, India, Kenya and the Russian Federation.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The representative of Turkey made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

By 138 votes in favour to 1 against, with 4 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/51/L.21 (resolution 51/34).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/51/L.28 (resolution 51/35) and A/51/L.29 (resolution 51/36).

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of China and Viet Nam.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 24.

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DISARMAMENT COMMISSION 207th meeting

Opening of the session

The 1996 organizational session of the Commission was opened by the Vice-Chairman, H.E. Sr. Andelfo J. Garcia (Colombia), who made a statement.

Adoption of the agenda

The Commission adopted its agenda for the 1996 organizational session as contained in document A/CN.10/L.39.

Review of the draft resolution adopted by the First Committee at the fifty-first session of the General Assembly

The Commission reviewed draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.5/Rev.1 containing specific requests in connection with the work of the Commission in 1997.

Draft provisional agenda for the 1997 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission

The Commission considered the draft provisional agenda for the 1997 substantive session as contained in document A/CN.10/1996/CRP.6, but no agreement was reached.

Organizational matters

The Commission decided that the 1997 substantive session would be held from 21 April to 13 May 1997.

The Commission decided to suspend its organizational session until Wednesday, 11 December 1996.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Human Rights Day Observance

In observance of Human Rights Day, two panel discussions will take place on Thursday, 12 December 1996 in Conference Room 4. Ms. Charlayne Hunter-Gault, National Correspondent for "News Hour with Jim Lehrer" (PBS), will moderate.

The Secretary-General, Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, will deliver opening remarks at 10 a.m., followed by a panel on "Accountability and Impunity in Civil Strife". The second panel on "The Right to Development: Is Poverty An Abuse of Human Rights?" will start at 3 p.m.

Members of delegations, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.The programme is organized by the Department of Public Information in cooperation with the Centre for Human Rights.

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International Day of Disabled Persons

Exhibition

The Department for Public Information, in collaboration with the American Foundation for the Blind, has organized an exhibition entitled "Inspiration and Innovation: Helen Keller and the American Foundation for the Blind", to run until 31 December in the Public Lobby.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 11 December 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

11.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Recommendation for the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Angola (S/1996/1000)*

Tajikistan (S/1996/1010)

Other matters

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* To be followed by a formal meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

3 p.m.	80th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Operational activities for development [98]: commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Children's Fund.

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal soundings (closed)	Conference Room 6

Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/51/3 (Part II), Chapter V, Section E) (item 12)

Informal soundings *with Member States only* on the question of the participation of non-governmental organizations in all areas of the work of the United Nations will be undertaken by H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan).

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 8

Informal consultations conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on draft proposals submitted under item 21:

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance:

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (A/51/L.45);

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions (A/51/L.26 and L.48).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal open-ended consultations

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

Informal open-ended consultations by the Chairman of the Committee to discuss the work of the Second Committee during its fifty-first session with a view to suggesting possible future modalities of work of the Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 3

1 United Nations common system [121] (E/1993/119 and Add.1; A/50/30 and Add.1; A/C.5/50/23; A/51/30; A/C.5/51/24 and A/C.5/51/25 and Corr.1)

Conclusion of general discussion

2 United Nations pension system [122] (A/51/9 and Corr.1; A/51/644 and A/C.5/51/4)

Conclusion of general discussion

3 Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [137] (A/C.5/51/30 and A/51/7/Add.5)

Introduction and general discussion

4 Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [139] (A/C.5/51/29 and A/51/7/Add.5)

Introduction and general discussion

5. Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East [123]: (a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force; and (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

Action on draft decisions A/C.5/51/L.14 and A/C.5/51/L.15

6. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission [125]

Action on draft decision A/C.5/51/L.16

7. Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116]

(a) The situation in Central America: programme budget implications of draft resolution A/51/L.18 (A/C.5/51/32)

(b) Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (A/C.5/51/33)

(c) International action to combat drug abuse and illicit production and trafficking: Programme budget implications of the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in its report A/51/611 (A/C.5/51/36)

(d) Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification: programme budget implications of the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in its report A/51/605/Add.1 (A/C.5/51/39)

8. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission [124] (A/51/494 and Add.1-2 and A/51/700 and Corr.1)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme planning (A/51/6 (Perspective), A/51/6 (Note), A/51/6 (fascicle), A/51/6 (Prog.9)/Rev.1, A/51/6 (Prog.11)/Rev.1, A/51/16 (Parts I and II), A/C.5/51/10 and Add.1, A/C.5/51/19, A/C.5/51/26, A/C.5/51/27, A/C.5/51/31, A/C.5/51/28 and A/C.6/51/8 and Add.1 and 2))

6.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 121 (United Nations common system (E/1993/119 and Add.1, A/50/30 and Add.1, A/C.5/50/23, A/51/30, A/C.5/51/24 and A/C.5/51/25 and Corr.1)) and 122 (United Nations Pension System (A/51/9 and Corr.1, A/51/644 and A/C.5/51/4))

9.30 p.m.-12.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 124 (Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (A/51/494 and Add.1-2 and A/51/700 and Corr.1)) and 116 (Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 (A/C.5/50/57 and Add.1, A/50/7/Add.16, A/51/7/Add.1, A/C.5/51/21 and A/51/7/Add.2))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Harmonization of budgets: UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF
2. Draft reports

DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

1996 organizational session

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	208th meeting	Conference Room 4

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE IN THE TEACHING, STUDY, DISSEMINATION AND WIDER APPRECIATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Thirty-first session

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

[The membership of the Committee is as follows: Canada, Colombia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Jamaica, Kenya, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Portugal, Russian Federation, Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America and Uruguay.]

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Wednesday, 11 December 1996

GROUP OF 77
(Fifth Committee matters: items 119 and 114)

9.15 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
(on First and Fifth Committees matters: discussion of the amendments of the European Union to proposals of the Non-aligned Movement on Programme 1 of the medium-term plan (disarmament and decolonization) (item 114))

9.15 a.m.-9.45 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

ASIAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)
(on the preparation of the South-South Conference on Finance, Trade and Investment)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal (closed) meeting on agenda item 56 (The situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina) *today*, 11 December 1996, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Children's Fund

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 12 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m. 81st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe [38]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/489 and Add.1);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.52);

   (c) Amendment (A/51/L.54).

2. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/51/521) [7].

3. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [21]:

   (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions:

      (i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/315, A/51/353, A/51/528);

      (ii) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.27/Rev.1, L.37/Rev.1, L.50/Rev.1);

      (iii) Draft decision (A/51/L.43).

   (d) Assistance to the Palestinian people:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/171-E/1996/76);

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/51/L.41).

4. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity [42]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/386);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.19/Rev.1).

5. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 [51].

6. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security [52].

7. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait [53].

8. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [54].

9. Question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte [57].

10. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina: report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/710) [153].

11. Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium: report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/711) [154].

12. Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force: report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/712) [155].

3 p.m. 82nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family: report of the Third Committee (A/51/609) [100].

2. Crime prevention and criminal justice: report of the Third Committee (A/51/610) [101].

3. International drug control: report of the Third Committee (A/51/611) [102].

4. Advancement of women: report of the Third Committee (A/51/612) [103].

5. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women: report of the Third Committee (A/51/613) [104].

6. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions: report of the Third Committee (A/51/614) [105].

7. Promotion and protection of the rights of children: report of theThird Committee (A/51/615) [106].

8. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People: report of the Third Committee (A/51/616) [107].

9. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: report of the Third Committee (A/51/617) [108].

10. Right of peoples to self-determination: report of the Third Committee (A/51/618) [109].

11. Human rights questions: report of the Third Committee (Part I) (A/51/619) [110]:

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments: report of the Third Committee (Part II) (A/51/619/Add.1);

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms: report of the Third Committee (Part III) (A/51/619/Add.2);

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (Part IV) (A/51/619/Add.3);

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: report of the Third Committee (Part V) (A/51/619/Add.4);

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights: report of the Third Committee (Part VI) (A/51/619/Add.5);

12. Question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime: report of the Third Committee (A/51/620) [158].

13. Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Third Committee (A/51/608) [12].

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 3
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 8

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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The tenth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will be held in New York from 6 to 17 January 1997. The provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in document A/CONF.241/62.

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1997 on Tuesday, 17 December 1996, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Interested delegations are invited.

The first regular session 1997 of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA will be held from 13 to 17 January 1997 in Conference Room 3. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1997/L.1. Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the Secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5776) as soon as possible, but no later than 2 January 1997.

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The Group of 77 will hold meetings *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on 12 and 13 December 1996 at 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Informal consultations

States Signatories to the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-ban Treaty will hold informal consultations regarding the work of the Preparatory Commission on Tuesday, 17 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Palais des Nations, Geneva.

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Informal briefings

There will be an informal briefing on matters pertaining to the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests, under the chairmanship of the Co-Chairman, Sir Martin Holdgate (United Kingdom) and Mr. Manuel Rodriguez (Colombia), on Monday, 16 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

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The Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations will hold a briefing on the Micro-credit Summit (Washington, D.C., 2-4 February 1997) to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations, on Wednesday, 18 December 1996, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Mr. Sam Daley-Harris, Summit Director, will make a presentation on the preparation and documentation of the Summit. Copies of the last draft Plan of Action to be adopted at the Summit will be available at the meeting.

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Presentation

The Society for International Development and the Office of Development Studies of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have organized a presentation where H.E. Ambassador Dr. Ernst Sucharipa, Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations, will speak on the topic of "An Integrated Follow-Up to United Nations Conferences: A Human Rights Perspective." The lecture will take place on Thursday, 12 December 1996, at 5.30 p.m. in the Hank Shannon Conference Room (DC1 21st floor). All members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat Staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and media are invited to attend.

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Dialogue

The High Commissioner for Human Rights (Centre for Human Rights), the Division for the Advancement of Women and UNICEF will sponsor a dialogue on children's rights and women's rights with Ms. Akila Belembaogo, Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, and Ms. Ivanka Corti, Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, on Friday, 13 December 1996, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

The latest revised synthesis text on an Agenda for Development (A/AC.250/CRP.2/Rev.1) can be found on the Internet at website: http://www.un.org/dpcsd/dpcea/agenda.htm.

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Announcement

As from 4 December 1996, and for the rest of the month, there will be an informal briefing at 3 p.m., in the Press Briefing Room S-226, by the Presidency of the Security Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on those days when consultations of the whole are scheduled in the morning. When consultations take place in the afternoon, the briefing will be held immediately after the conclusion of the consultations.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 10 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

78th plenary meeting

Statements on the occasion of Human Rights Day

The President made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: fourth report of the General Committee (A/51/250/Add.3) **[8]**

The General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, to include in the agenda of the current session an additional item (Observer status for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in the General Assembly) and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

The Assembly also decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, to include in the agenda of the current session an additional item (Proclamation of 21 November as World Television Day) and to consider it directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that the General Assembly would determine when the item would be considered during the fifty-first session.

The representative of Italy made a statement, in the course of which he proposed that the item be considered by the General Assembly before its recess this month.

The General Assembly, on the proposal of the representative of Italy, decided that the item would be considered by the General Assembly before its recess this month.

Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the first annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/51/399-S/1996/778) **[59]**

The General Assembly took note of the first annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

Mr. Laity Kama, President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania, South Africa, the Netherlands, Lesotho, Argentina, Tunisia, Belgium, Malaysia, Germany, Italy and Rwanda.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 59.

79th plenary meeting*

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that on Friday, 13 December, in the afternoon, the Assembly would consider agenda item 161 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration), agenda item 34 (Assistance in mine clearance) for the purpose of considering the draft resolution submitted under the item, agenda item 21 (c) (Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan) together with agenda item 39 (The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security), and agenda item 56 (The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina).

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* The remainder of the summary of the 79th plenary meeting will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/241).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 38th meeting

Organization of work

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement on the work programme of the Committee for the remainder of the session.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Cuba, Poland, Uganda, Indonesia, Ireland, Germany, Nepal, Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), China, New Zealand, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Belgium, Singapore, Ukraine, Pakistan, Algeria, the Philippines and Norway.

The Controller and the Secretary of the Committee responded to questions posed.

Other matters

The representative of France made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 20 November 1989

Accession: Oman (9 December 1996)*

International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, concluded at Geneva on 21 October 1982

Accession: Poland (6 December 1996)*

Protocol amending article 1(a), article 14(1) and article 14(3)(b) of the European Agreement of 30 September 1957 concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), adopted at Geneva on 28 October 1993

Ratification: Poland (6 December 1996)*

International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995, concluded at Geneva on 17 February 1995

Provisional application: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (6 December 1996)*

Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, concluded at Helsinki on 17 March 1992

Ratification: Latvia (10 December 1996)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Human Rights Day Observance

In observance of Human Rights Day, two panel discussions will take place on Thursday, 12 December 1996, in Conference Room 4. Ms. Charlayne Hunter-Gault, National Correspondent for "News Hour with Jim Lehrer" (PBS), will moderate.

The Secretary-General, Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, will deliver opening remarks at 10 a.m., followed by a panel on "Accountability and Impunity in Civil Strife". The second panel on "The Right to Development: Is Poverty An Abuse of Human Rights?" will start at 3 p.m.

Members of delegations, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. The programme is organized by the Department of Public Information in cooperation with the Centre for Human Rights.

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International Day of Disabled Persons

Exhibition

The Department for Public Information, in collaboration with the American Foundation for the Blind, has organized an exhibition entitled "Inspiration and Innovation: Helen Keller and the American Foundation for the Blind", to run until 31 December in the Public Lobby.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 12 December 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

11.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Recommendation for the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Great Lakes region (S/1996/1013)

Briefing by Mr. Raymond Chrétien, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region

Bosnia and Herzegovina (S/1996/1017, S/1996/1012, S/1996/1024, S/1996/1025 and S/1996/1032)*

Other matters

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* To be followed by a formal meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m.	81st PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe [38]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/489 and Add.1);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.52);

   (c) Amendment (A/51/L.54).

2. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/51/521) [7].

3. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [21]:

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions:

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/315, A/51/353, A/51/528);

(ii) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.27/Rev.1, L.37/Rev.1, L.50/Rev.1);

(iii) Draft decision (A/51/L.43).

(d) Assistance to the Palestinian people:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/171-E/1996/76);

(ii) Draft resolution (A/51/L.41).

4. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity [42]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/386);

(b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.19/Rev.1).

5. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 [51].

6. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security [52].

7. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait [53].

8. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [54].

9. Question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte [57].

10. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina: report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/710) [153].

11. Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium: report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/711) [154].

12. Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force: report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/712) [155].

3 p.m. 82nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family: report of the Third Committee (A/51/609) [100].

2. Crime prevention and criminal justice: report of the Third Committee (A/51/610) [101].

3. International drug control [102]:

(a) Report of the Third Committee (A/51/611);

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/719).

4. Advancement of women: report of the Third Committee (A/51/612) [103].

5. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women: report of the Third Committee (A/51/613) [104].

6. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions: report of the Third Committee (A/51/614) [105].

7. Promotion and protection of the rights of children: report of theThird Committee (A/51/615) [106].

8. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People: report of the Third Committee (A/51/616) [107].

9. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: report of the Third Committee (A/51/617) [108].

10. Right of peoples to self-determination: report of the Third Committee (A/51/618) [109].

11. Human rights questions: report of the Third Committee (Part I) (A/51/619) [110]:

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments: report of the Third Committee (Part II) (A/51/619/Add.1);

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms: report of the Third Committee (Part III) (A/51/619/Add.2);

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (Part IV) (A/51/619/Add.3);

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: report of the Third Committee (Part V) (A/51/619/Add.4);

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights: report of the Third Committee (Part VI) (A/51/619/Add.5);

12. Question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime: report of the Third Committee (A/51/620) [158].

13. Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Third Committee (A/51/608) [12].

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. — 41st meeting — Conference Room 3

1. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [115] (A/51/515)

Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management

2. Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti [157] (A/51/191/Add.1 and A/51/444)

Introduction and general discussion

3. Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces Headquarters [129] (A/51/701)

Introduction and general discussion

7 p.m. — 42nd meeting — Conference Room 3

1. Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116]: first performance report for the biennium 1996-1997 (A/C.5/51/38)

Introduction and general discussion

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]: report of the Secretary-General on the outline of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (A/51/289)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/50/11/Add.2 and Corr.1))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme planning (A/51/6 (Perspective), A/51/6 (Note), A/51/6 (fascicle), A/51/6 (Prog.9)/Rev.1, A/51/6 (Prog.11)/Rev.1, A/51/16 (Parts I and II), A/C.5/51/10 and Add.1, A/C.5/51/19, A/C.5/51/26, A/C.5/51/27, A/C.5/51/31, A/C.5/51/28 and A/C.6/51/8 and Add.1 and 2))

Evening*- 12.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 (A/C.5/50/57 and Add.1, A/50/7/Add.16, A/51/7/Add.1, A/C.5/51/21 and A/51/7/Add.2))

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* Following the adjournment of the 41st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 42nd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 8

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

The situation of Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 12 December 1996

GROUP OF 77 OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)
(on the preparation of the South-South Conference on Finance, Trade and Investment)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT COORDINATING BUREAU

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(Fifth Committee matters: items 119 and 114)

1.45 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

2 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Informal meeting

There will be a closed meeting of a group of States parties to the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) *today*, 12 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B. The meeting is convened by the delegation of Myanmar.

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Informal meeting

There will be a meeting of police contributors *today*, 12 December 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting will be co-chaired by the President of the Security Council and Lt. Gen. Manfred Eisele. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information on the possible extension of the mandate for the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 13 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m. 83rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/51/589) [82].

2. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/51/590) [83].

3. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/51/591) [84].

4. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/51/592) [85].

5. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/51/593 and Corr.1) [86].

6. Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/51/594) [87].

7. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/51/595) [88].

8. Activities of foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination, implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/51/596) [89 and 19].

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations, report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/51/597) [90 and 12].

10. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/51/598) [91].

11. The situation in the occupied territories of Croatia: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/51/599) [92].

12. Question of the composition of the relevant organs of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/51/600) [93].

13. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/51/588*) [19].

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* To be issued.

14. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [19]:

(a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (A/51/23 (Parts I-VIII), A/AC.109/2041 and Corr.1, 2042, 2043, 2044 and Add.1, 2045, 2046, 2047 and Add.1, 2048, 2049 and Corr.1 and 2, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054 and Add.1, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/428);

(c) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.51, A/51/23, Part II, Chapter III, para. 9);

(d) Amendment (A/51/L.46).

3 p.m. 84th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration: draft resolution (A/51/L.53) [161].

2. Assistance in mine clearance [34]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/540);

(b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.44).

3. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan, the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [21 (c) and 39]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/704, A/51/698-S/1996/988);

(b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.49).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 21)

Delegations are reminded that informal consultations on the outstanding draft resolutions under item 21 will be conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on Friday, 13 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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The tenth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will be held in New York from 6 to 17 January 1997. The provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in document A/CONF.241/62.

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1997 on Tuesday, 17 December 1996, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Interested delegations are invited.

The first regular session 1997 of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA will be held from 13 to 17 January 1997 in Conference Room 3. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1997/L.1. Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the Secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5776) as soon as possible, but no later than 2 January 1997.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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The Group of 77 of the Whole will hold meetings *(at the ambassadorial level)* on the preparation of the South-South Conference on Finance, Trade and Investment on Friday, 13 December 1996 in the morning and in the afternoon in Conference Room 1.

The Group of 77 will hold a meeting *(on methods of work and periodicity of consideration of items of the Second Committee)* on Friday, 13 December 1996 at 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

The Group of 77 will hold a meeting *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Friday, 13 December 1996 at 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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The Women's International Forum will hold a meeting on "Empowering Women and Children for the Next Millenium: UNICEF's Mission for the Next Fifty Years" on Thursday, 19 December 1996, at 10.45 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The speaker will be Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

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Informal consultations

States Signatories to the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-ban Treaty will hold informal consultations regarding the work of the Preparatory Commission on Tuesday, 17 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Palais des Nations, Geneva.

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Informal briefings

There will be an informal briefing on matters pertaining to the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests, under the chairmanship of the Co-Chairman, Sir Martin Holdgate (United Kingdom) and Mr. Manuel Rodriguez (Colombia), on Monday, 16 December 1996, at *11 a.m.* in Conference Room 1.

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The Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations will hold a briefing on the Micro-credit Summit (Washington, D.C., 2-4 February 1997) to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations, on Wednesday, 18 December 1996, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Mr. Sam Daley-Harris, Summit Director, will make a presentation on the preparation and documentation of the Summit. Copies of the latest draft Plan of Action to be adopted at the Summit will be available at the meeting. All delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Presentation

The Society for International Development and the Office of Development Studies of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have organized a presentation where H.E. Ambassador Dr. Ernst Sucharipa, Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations, will speak on the topic of "An Integrated Follow-Up to United Nations Conferences: A Human Rights Perspective." The lecture will take place on Thursday, 12 December 1996, at 5.30 p.m. in the Hank Shannon Conference Room (DC1 21st floor). All members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat Staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and media are invited to attend.

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Dialogue

The High Commissioner for Human Rights (Centre for Human Rights), the Division for the Advancement of Women and UNICEF will sponsor a dialogue on children's rights and women's rights with Ms. Akila Belembaogo, Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, and Ms. Ivanka Corti, Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, on Friday, 13 December 1996, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

The latest revised synthesis text on an Agenda for Development (A/AC.250/CRP.2/Rev.1) can be found on the Internet at website: http://www.un.org/dpcsd/dpcea/agenda.htm

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Announcement

As from 4 December 1996, and for the rest of the month, there will be an informal briefing at 3 p.m., in the Press Briefing Room S-226, by the Presidency of the Security Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on those days when consultations of the whole are scheduled in the morning. When consultations take place in the afternoon, the briefing will be held immediately after the conclusion of the consultations.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 10 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

79th plenary meeting

Reports of the First Committee

The Rapporteur of the First Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 60, 61, 63 to 81 and 62.

The General Assembly took note of Part I of the report of the First Committee concerning agenda items 60, 61 and 63 to 81 (A/51/566).

Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/51/566/Add.1) [60]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 4 of its report (A/51/566/Add.1) (resolution 51/37).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 60.

Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/51/566/Add.2) [61]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 4 of its report (A/51/566/Add.2) (resolution 51/38).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 61.

The role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/51/566/Add.3) [63]

By 105 votes to 39, with 24 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended in paragraph 5 of the report (A/51/566/Add.3) (resolution 51/39).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 63.

The role of science and technology in the context of international security, disarmament and other related fields: report of the First Committee (A/51/566/Add.4) [64]

By 161 votes to 0, with 8 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended in paragraph 4 of the report (A/51/566/Add.4) (resolution 51/40).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 64.

Amendment of the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water: report of the First Committee (A/51/566/Add.5) [65]

The General Assembly was informed that no action had been taken by the Committee under agenda item 65.

The Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee (A/51/566/Add.5).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 65.

Implementation of the comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty: report of the First Committee (A/51/566/Add.6) [66]

The General Assembly was informed that no action had been taken by the Committee under agenda item 66.

The Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee (A/51/566/Add.6).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 66.

Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free-zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/51/566/Add.7) [67]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/51/566/Add.7) (resolution 51/41).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 67.

Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free-zone in South Asia: report of the First Committee (A/51/566/Add.8) [68]

By 156 votes to 3, with 8 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended in paragraph 4 of the report (A/51/566/Add.8) (resolution 51/42).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 68.

Conclusion of effective international agreements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/51/566/Add.9) [69]

By 125 votes to 0, with 45 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended in paragraph 4 of the report (A/51/566/Add.9) (resolution 51/43).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 69.

Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/51/566/Add.10) [70]

The General Assembly proceeded to vote on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/51/566/Add.10).

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/51/L.43 Seventeenth preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	116	1	45
Draft resolution A/51/L.43 Operative paragraph 6 (recorded vote)	117	1	45
Draft resolution A/51/L.43 as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 51/44)	126	0	44

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 70.

General and Complete Disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/51/566/Add.11) [71]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on the draft resolutions contained in paragraph 63 of the report (A/51/566/Add.11).

The representative of Canada made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The representative of Brazil made a statement on a point of order.

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A (recorded vote) (resolution 51/45 A)	167	0	2
Draft resolution B Operative paragraph 3 (recorded vote)	118	1	46
Draft resolution B as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 51/45 B)	129	3	38
Draft resolution C (recorded vote) (resolution 51/45 C)	163	2	5
Draft resolution D (resolution 51/45 D)		Adopted	
Draft resolution E (recorded vote) (resolution 51/45 E)	137	4	27
Draft resolution F (resolution 51/45 F)		Adopted	
Draft resolution G Seventh preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	161	1	5
Draft resolution G Operative paragraph 1 (recorded vote)	161	3	2
Draft resolution G as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 51/45 G)	159	0	11
Draft resolution H Operative paragraph 3 (b) (recorded vote)	147	0	13
Draft resolution H Operative paragraph 5 (recorded vote)	146	0	18
Draft resolution H as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 51/45 H)	154	0	15
Draft resolution I (recorded vote) (resolution 51/45 I)	107	37	24
Draft resolution J (resolution 51/45 J)		Adopted	
Draft resolution K (recorded vote) (resolution 51/45 K)	170	0	1
Draft resolution L (resolution 51/45 L)		Adopted	

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution M Operative paragraph 3 (recorded vote)	139	7	20
Draft resolution M Operative paragraph 4 (recorded vote)	110	27	29
Draft resolution M as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 51/45 M)	115	22	32
Draft resolution N (resolution 51/45 N)		Adopted	
Draft resolution O (recorded vote) (resolution 51/45 O)	110	39	20
Draft resolution P (recorded vote) (resolution 51/45 P)	165	0	7
Draft resolution Q (recorded vote) (resolution 51/45 Q)	164	1	2
Draft resolution R (recorded vote) (resolution 51/45 R)	160	0	11
Draft resolution S (recorded vote) (resolution 51/45 S)	155	0	10
Draft resolution T (resolution 51/45 T)		Adopted	

By 121 votes to 0, with 52 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 64 of its report (A/51/566/Add.11).

The representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Japan and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 71.

Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/51/566/Add.12) [72]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on the draft resolutions contained in paragraph 19 of the report (A/51/566/Add.12).

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A (resolution 51/46 A)		Adopted	
Draft resolution B (resolution 51/46 B)		Adopted	
Draft resolution C (resolution 51/46 C)		Adopted	
Draft resolution D (recorded vote) (resolution 51/46 D)	114	31	27
Draft resolution E (resolution 51/46 E)		Adopted	
Draft resolution F (resolution 51/46 F)		Adopted	

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 72.

Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/51/566/Add.13) [73]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on the draft resolutions contained in paragraph 10 of the report (A/51/566/Add.13).

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A (recorded vote) (resolution 51/47 A)	171	0	2
Draft resolution B (resolution 51/47 B)		Adopted	
Draft resolution C (resolution 51/47 C)		Adopted	

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 73.

The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/51/566/Add.14) [74]

The General Assembly proceeded to vote on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/51/566/Add.14)

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Sixth preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	155	2	8
Draft resolution as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 51/48)	129	3	32

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 74.

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/51/566/Add.15) [75]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 4 of its report (A/51/566/Add.15) (resolution 51/49).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 75.

Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/51/566/Add.16) [76]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 4 of its report (A/51/566/Add.16) (resolution 51/50).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 76.

Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace: report of the First Committee (A/51/566/Add.17) [77]

By 131 votes to 3, with 37 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 4 of its report (A/51/566/Add.17) (resolution 51/51).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 77.

Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the First Committee (A/51/566/Add.18) [78]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 4 of its report (A/51/566/Add.18) (resolution 51/52).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 78.

African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/51/566/Add.19) [79]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/51/566/Add.19) (resolution 51/53).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 79.

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/51/566/Add.20) [80]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/51/566/Add.20) (resolution 51/54).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 80.

Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security: report of the First Committee (A/51/566/Add.21) [81]

By 162 votes to 0, with 8 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/51/566/Add.21) (resolution 51/55).

By 118 votes to 0, with 53 abstentions (recorded vote), the Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of the same document.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 81.

Question of Antartica: report of the First Committee (A/51/567) [62]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/51/567) (resolution 51/56).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 62.

Wednesday, 11 December 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

3722nd meeting

The situation in Angola

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM III) (S/1996/1000)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Angola, Brazil, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Portugal, Sao Tome and Principe, South Africa, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution, contained in document S/1996/1026, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations on the basis of the draft resolution submitted by Portugal, the Russian Federation and the United States of America.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Angola and Portugal.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1996/1026).

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Botswana, France, China, the United Kingdom, Germany, Poland, Egypt, Indonesia, the Russian Federation, Chile, the Republic of Korea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras and the United States, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Italy.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1996/1026) received 15 votes in favour, none against, and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1087 (1996).

The Council then heard statements by the representatives of Zimbabwe, Namibia, Brazil, Zambia, Mauritius, Mozambique, the United Republic of Tanzania, Lesotho, South Africa, Malawi and Sao Tome and Principe.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

80th plenary meeting

Operational activities for development [98]: *commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Children's Fund*

The President made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The General Assembly heard statements by the representatives of Congo (on behalf of the African States), Mongolia (on behalf of the Asian States), Poland (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Mexico (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Canada (on behalf of the Western European and Other States) and the United States (as host country).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 39th and 40th meetings

Note: The summary of the 39th and 40th meetings of the Fifth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/242).

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DISARMAMENT COMMISSION
1996 organizational session 208th meeting

Election of the Chairman and other officers

The Commission elected by acclamation the representatives of Cuba and Ecuador as Vice-Chairmen for its 1997 session.

Draft provisional agenda for the 1997 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission

The Commission adopted the draft provisional agenda for the 1997 substantive session, as orally amended, contained in document A/CN.10/1996/CRP.6

Organizational matters

The Commission established three working groups to deal with the three substantive agenda items of the 1997 substantive session, as well as a Committee of the Whole to deal with agenda items 7 and any other relevant issues.

The Commission decided to suspend its 1996 organizational session and resume the session at a later date, in order to allow delegations to consult on the outstanding organizational matters.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC), concluded at Geneva on 31 May 1985

Accession: Romania (11 December 1996)*

Convention on the International Maritime Organization, done at Geneva on 6 March 1948

Acceptance: Mongolia (11 December 1996)*

Amendments to articles 17 and 18 of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, adopted on 15 September 1964

Acceptance: Mongolia (11 December 1996)*

Amendment to article 28 of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, adopted on 28 September 1965

Acceptance: Mongolia (11 December 1996)*

Amendments to articles 10, 16, 17, 18, 20, 28, 31 and 32 of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, adopted on 17 October 1974

Acceptance: Mongolia (11 December 1996)*

Amendments to the title and substantive provisions of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, adopted on 14 November 1975 and on 9 November 1977

Acceptance: Mongolia (11 December 1996)*

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, relating to the institutionalization of the Committee on Technical Co-operation in the Convention, adopted on 17 November 1977

Acceptance: Mongolia (11 December 1996)*

Amendments to articles 17, 18, 20 and 51 of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, adopted on 15 November 1979

Acceptance: Mongolia (11 December 1996)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

International Sugar Agreement, 1992, concluded at Geneva on 20 March 1992

Ratification: Brazil (10 December 1996)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Human Rights Day Observance

In observance of Human Rights Day, two panel discussions will take place *today*, 12 December 1996, in Conference Room 4. Ms. Charlayne Hunter-Gault, National Correspondent for "News Hour with Jim Lehrer" (PBS), will moderate.

The Secretary-General, Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, will deliver opening remarks at 10 a.m., followed by a panel on "Accountability and Impunity in Civil Strife". The second panel on "The Right to Development: Is Poverty An Abuse of Human Rights?" will start at 3 p.m.

Members of delegations, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. The programme is organized by the Department of Public Information in cooperation with the Centre for Human Rights.

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International Day of Disabled Persons

Exhibition

The Department for Public Information, in collaboration with the American Foundation for the Blind, has organized an exhibition entitled "Inspiration and Innovation: Helen Keller and the American Foundation for the Blind", to run until 31 December in the Public Lobby.

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